COMMISSION MEMBERS

Poppi Handy, AIA, LEED AP, Chair, received her Bachelor of Architecture from Ball State University in 1997. Her practice focuses on community-based design where she collaborates on projects ranging from site and service intensive new construction to single-building historic preservation. Poppi works extensively with non-profit housing providers to develop historic, affordable and sustainable projects that make a positive impact on their communities. Her work in historic preservation has been awarded with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer's Valerie Svinski Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation and the NAHRO Award for Program Innovation and Community Revitalization.

Tom Hitzroth worked for the State of Washington for 37 years before retiring recently to devote more time to public history endeavors. He has been involved with heritage museums and historic preservation efforts since 1991 and has served on the boards of many historical organizations on the Eastside. He is currently Chairman of the City of Redmond Landmark Commission, and regularly provides input to the City on matters such as amendments to the comprehensive plan and municipal code, as well as cultural resource issues related to capital improvement projects. Tom also advises owners of landmark properties on preservation standards. During his time on the King County Landmarks Commission he has been the primary proponent of the Historic Cemetery Initiative, and has volunteered many hours to document cemeteries around the county.

Lorelea Hudson, Vice Chair, grew up in King County, graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Anthropology, and then left Washington state to pursue a Master's degree in historical archaeology from the University of Idaho and to found one of the first cultural resources management companies in the Pacific Northwest. While in Idaho, Lorelea served on the Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees and was active in local historic preservation organizations. Lorelea returned to the Puget Sound region nearly 20 years ago and is a Senior Archaeologist and Project Manager for SWCA Environmental Consultants. Her specialty at SWCA is historical archaeology and historic preservation, as well as cultural resources compliance – NEPA, SEPA, and Section 106. She says the best part of her job is getting to meet and work with residents throughout King County who generously share their family and community histories.

Kji Kelly is Director of Real Estate for Historic Seattle with nearly 20 years of experience saving, re-using and maintaining historic properties. His professional career includes work as a Project Manager for the Pennsylvania Capital Preservation Committee, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the Facilities Management Department at Duke University. Kji has a B.A. from Dickinson College and two certificates from the University of Washington in Commercial Real Estate and Construction Management. He is a resident of Vashon Island.

Caroline Lemay pursued preservation studies at the University of Montreal in 1995. Throughout her 20-year career as an architect, Caroline has enjoyed the challenge of working with existing structures, and believes that their rich layers of material and methods provide both insights into the past and incredible learning opportunities. Her experience in preservation includes a wide variety of public and private projects ranging from careful rehabilitations and additions, to technically challenging structural, mechanical and architectural retrofitting of historic structures. She has also worked on various project scales, from the rehabilitation of a small one-story industrial brick building in Port Townsend to the extensive restoration of the West Block on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada – one of the country's national icons.

Ella Moore has been a resident of East King County since 1947 and recently moved to Olde Town in Issaquah from Sammamish. She is currently the president of the Sammamish Heritage Society and served as the special commissioner to the Landmarks Commission from Sammamish. She was instrumental in the Society receiving the John D. Spellman Award for Advocacy, which recognized the volunteer group's successful efforts in moving an endangered structure, the Reard house, to a future city park. She has also been working with the Sammamish Parks and Recreation Department in the planning of the heritage portion of Big Rock Park. Until retirement, she worked in the legal field for 25 years as a paralegal specializing in estates and tax.

Rebecca R. Ossa, CPM, joined Seattle City Light in 2011 as their Historic Resource Specialist and leads City Light's historic preservation program. Previously, she worked for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office for 13 years as their Architectural Historian where she also served as a commissioner for the Carson City Historic District and the Comstock Historic District in Virginia City. She holds a Master of Science degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Oregon and a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley.

David Pilgrim has been involved with many Maple Valley organizations, including serving as president of the Greater Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce. He is currently a treasurer of the Maple Valley Historical Society and treasurer of the Greater Maple Valley Community Center. He served on Maple Valley's City Council for 8 years, and was the special commissioner representing the City on the King County Landmarks Commission. David is also a member of the Association of Washington Generals and a Kentucky Colonel. He currently is Store Manager for Junction True Value Hardware in West Seattle.